

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI  
DEPARTMENT OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.86**  
**ANSWERED ON 02.02.2023**

**Sanitation Facilities in Kuttanad Region**

**86. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:**

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Government of Kerala for augmenting the existing sanitation facilities and to address the shortage of modern sanitation facilities including seepage and faecal sludge disposal for Kuttanad region of the State;
- (b) if so, the details of the status of such projects and the funds allocated for the same during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has taken note of subsurface peculiarities in Kuttanad region that makes traditional septic tank systems obsolete and makes seepage a recurring issue; and
- (d) if so, the details of any technical intervention proposed in this regard?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI**  
**(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) [SBM(G)], each State submits its consolidated plan for the whole State to the Government of India for sanitation activities to be taken up under the programme in the rural areas of State in the form of Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) each year, for approval of National Scheme Sanctioning Committee (NSSC) of SBM(G). Government of Kerala had submitted its AIPs during the years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23.

(b) The AIPs submitted by Government of Kerala during the years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 were approved by the NSSC. Under SBM(G), funds are released to the States/UTs. Further distribution of the same to districts is done by the States/UTs. Details of Central share funds allocated by the Government of India to Kerala under SBM(G) from 2020-21 to 2022-23 and the funds drawn by the State are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

<b>Year</b>	<b>Funds allocated</b>	<b>Funds drawn by the State</b>
2020-21	137.00	103.71
2021-22	34.68	5.66
2022-23	308.04	74.00

(c) and (d) Sanitation being a State subject, SBM(G) is being implemented by the State Governments. Under the programme, Government of India provides technical and financial supports to the States to supplement their efforts to improve sanitation status in the rural areas. Under SBM(G), flexibility have been provided to States in choosing the right toilet technology depending on topography, ground water levels, soil conditions, etc. To facilitate the States to choose appropriate technology for toilet, a handbook on technological options for on-site sanitation in rural areas was also issued by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India.

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